



VA Learning Opportunity: August 2023-July 2024

Nurse Practitioner Student Clinical Training Position Announcement

Purpose:

To provide nurse practitioner clinical training for graduate DNP and MSN students interested in a nursing career in the Department of Veterans Affairs. Requests for NP clinical training at the Salt Lake City VA far exceed our capacity so an application/interview/selection process is required. Our goal is to select the strongest NP trainees and accomplish the best fit for NP students and for the VA staff and veteran patients.

Program Description:

- Potential clinical training sites include the VA Salt Lake City Medical Center and surrounding VA Community Outpatient Clinics (Orem, Ogden, St. George, South Jordan, Pocatello)
- Advanced practice clinical tracks include primary care, adult-gerontology and acute care with limited specialty care experiences.
- Clinical experiences **not** available through this program include obstetrics and pediatrics.

Length of Program:

Nurse Practitioner student training program includes the final 1-2 clinical training semesters for all tracks except acute care. Acute care NP students generally train with us either their fall or spring semester. Students training for 2 semesters will be placed in the same clinical site under the same clinical preceptor both semesters. We find this is helpful for our NP students given the complexity of our patients. Training schedules will adhere to academic program requirements and complement the clinical preceptor work schedule.

NP Students Onboarding:

Applicants must be a U.S. citizen and meet physical examination standards at time of entry in the NP training program. Selectees will be considered Without Compensation (WOC) temporary employees. There are no benefits offered for these clinical training positions. NP students selected will work with VA Human Resources and be asked to provide fingerprints and undergo a background check to be granted access to our computerized patient record system.

Application Requirements: The student must:

- Submit a Letter of Interest stating the following (*no more than two, double-spaced pages*): (1) what is your motivation for working with veterans? (2) describe your three most important professional goals, (3) what are your professional goals 5 years after graduation?
- Submit a letter of recommendation (PDF) from a faculty member in your program to include: the nature of the faculty member's relationship to the applicant, an evaluation of the applicants' skills and accomplishments (include specific examples), and a statement that explains why the faculty member recommends the applicant for VA NP training. Please ask the author to submit directly to Stacey.Shafter2@va.gov.
- Submit unofficial copy of current transcript.
- Submit copy of Resume/CV.
- 2 years clinical experience in professional nursing preferred.
- Indicate clinical training preference: Primary Care/Adult-Geron or Acute Care.

Selection: Final selection of NP student trainees will be announced before the end of the spring 2022 academic semester following individual interviews to be held in March 2022.

Deadline for Submission: **March 4, 2023.** Submit applications as individual documents by email to: Stacey.shafter2@va.gov

Note: NP students who are VA employees are welcome to apply for a clinical training position as long we have confirmation that the SLC VA has a graduate nursing academic training agreement in place with their academic institution.